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Subject: RE: inquiry on deepwater DDT residues in southern CA Bight

Mr. Chartrand:

Thank you for reaching out. I've become familiar with your name from the article and other materials I've been reviewing.

I am the project manager for Palos Verdes Shelf, Operable Unit #5 of Montrose Chemical Corporation Superfund Site. While at this time EPA doesn't consider the drums associated with the historical permitted ocean industrial waste disposal sites part of the Montrose Superfund site, I am the EPA contact until we have more clarity on this complex issue.

For the time being, EPA is working with our State, Federal, and local partners to better understand the issues associated with this and other historical permitted ocean disposal sites in the area.

In addition, you may have seen the article published in the LA Times on January 31 (<https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2021-01-31/california-sea-lions-cancer-ddt>). This article further highlights just how much larger and complex this issue may be than just the contaminants associated with these disposal sites.

While we appreciate your interest and expertise in this issue, until we see where our discussions with our partners, esp. the federal natural resource trustees and the state, lead the group, at this time EPA is not in a position to support any grants or other funding for this issue, esp. to private entities.

Thank you.

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Greetings! I don't believe we've yet met, but I believe you are involved in the DDT issue in the southern California Bight and may have been involved in the Montrose DDT trial as well. I have also been quite heavily involved in this issue, starting when I was a water quality scientist for the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board years ago. You may also have seen the LA Times article that rather comprehensively addressed the DDT in marine ecosystem issues last fall. The article talked about an "ocean dumping of DDT" report from the Regional Board, which I authored in '85. The Times article has seemingly brought this issue back to life, as nothing has been done about the waste DDT sitting in barrels on the seafloor, and has garnered a lot of attention.

As follow up to that article, I have been assembling a lot of data, including data I collected for the Regional Board during a large investigation (mentioned in the article), and I am seeking funding to continue this work into potential continuing ecological/ecosystem level effects associated with DDT in the marine environment.

I would love to know more about what you at EPA are doing about this, including possible grants or funding opportunities to continue this important work. Are you the best person to discuss this with? If so, may I call you to discuss in more detail? What is your # and when might be the best time to call?

Look forward to connecting with you!!

Kind Regards,

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